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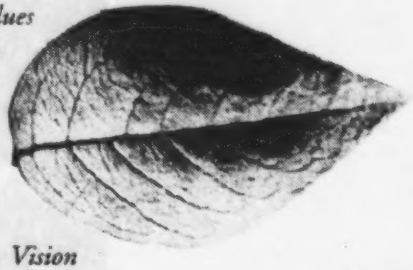

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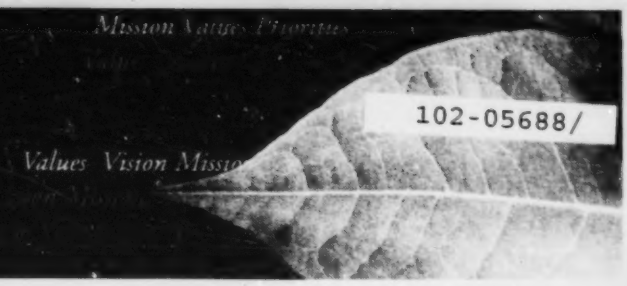

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ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT

This Consolidated Accountability Plan for the year commencing April 1, 2002 was prepared under my direction in accordance with the government's commitments to accountability and the government's accounting policies. All of the government's policy decisions with material economic or fiscal implication of which I am aware have been considered in preparing the Plan.

The government's priorities outlined in the Consolidated Accountability Plan were developed in consultation with Yukoners. My Ministers and I are committed to achieving the planned results laid out in this Consolidated Plan.

Honourable Pat Duncan,
Premier

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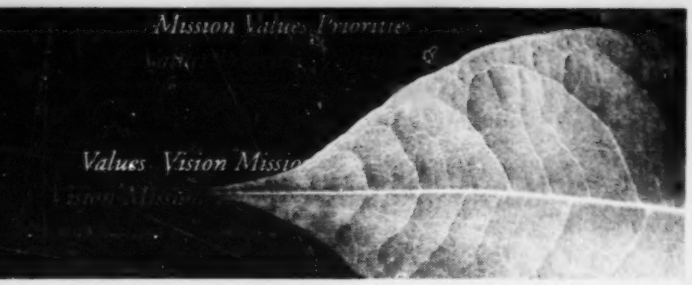

OVERVIEW

The Yukon is entering a new era where we are building upon our strengths to reach our full potential. At the same time we are taking our place on the national stage. There is renewed optimism as we meet the challenges of a global economy and move forward in new directions toward economic prosperity. The Yukon is turning the corner to a modern society with a diversified economy where our natural resources, knowledge-based resources, competitive tax regime, and local entrepreneurs all have a strong role to play in moving the territory forward.

The Yukon government is supporting the territory by ensuring we have a strong base of infrastructure and by encouraging business to develop and thrive. Yukoners expect government to support them in achieving a high quality of life by providing a strong health care system, an effective education system, a healthy environment and support for Yukoners who find themselves in need.

Only with a citizen-centered approach and sound fiscal management will we be able to achieve these goals.

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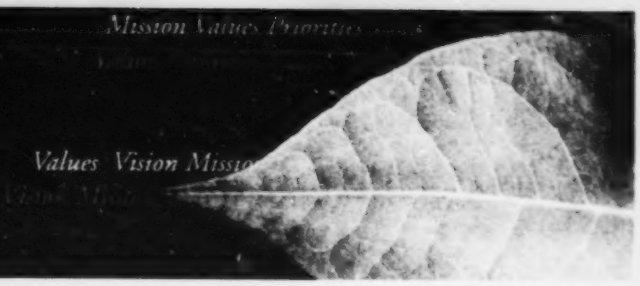

VISION

We envision a Territory where opportunity is built upon the strength of our land, the diversity of our people, and the openness of our government.

MISSION

Rebuilding the Yukon economy while protecting our social programs and respecting our environment.

VALUES

As Yukoners, we value our ability to live in a territory where we are free to pursue our dreams and enjoy our surroundings. It is the responsibility of government to apply our values to the programs and services it provides.

Yukoners value balance - a balance between resource development and environmental protection; a balance between government support and government control.

Yukoners value respect - respectful partnerships with First Nations, municipalities, and the federal government; respectful treatment of all citizens by government; respect of the basic principles of individual freedom and individual responsibility.

Yukoners value fiscal responsibility - a good return on the investment of taxpayer's dollars, and accountability for all spending.

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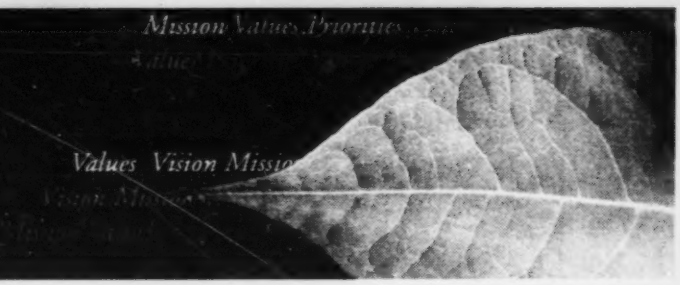
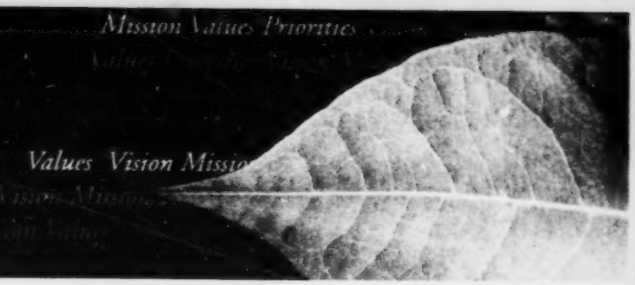


GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

- Settling outstanding land claims
- Rebuilding the Yukon economy
- Achieving devolution
- Developing infrastructure
- Maintaining quality health care
- Addressing alcohol and drug addictions, and
- Restoring confidence in government



SETTLING OUTSTANDING LAND CLAIMS

Decades of negotiations have resulted in an Umbrella Final Agreement and 8 of 14 land claims being settled. The settlement of land claims remains an essential part of the long-term success of our territory. Settling land claims will mean more certainty for all Yukoners. This government will:

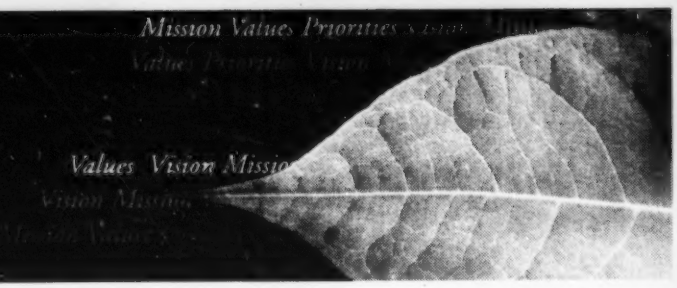
- Foster an environment of cooperation and respect with Yukon First Nations.
- Strengthen government to government relationships with First Nations so that we can move ahead on issues of mutual concern.

KEY STRATEGIES

- negotiate in good faith
- co-operate with First Nation governments, and Canada to meet the obligations of finalized agreements
- administer and monitor ongoing arrangements established pursuant to Yukon First Nation Final Agreements
- continue to manage renewable resources in a manner that respects the roles and responsibilities of First Nation governments and mandated boards & councils
- continue to fulfil commitments identified in final agreements and associated implementation plans (e.g. special management areas)
- fulfil claims implementation obligations pertaining to the natural resource sectors
- continue to integrate traditional and community knowledge with scientific knowledge
- implement systematic inventory and evaluation of Yukon land-based heritage resources

OUTCOME MEASURES AND TARGETS

- Settlement of 14 land claim agreements



REBUILDING THE YUKON ECONOMY

This government is committed to an improvement in the Yukon's economy both in the short term and the long term. Therefore, the government's efforts will focus on:

- Achieving a closer working relationship with First Nations
- Achieving a closer working relationship with the private sector
- Responsibly developing our natural resources
- Building on the tourism, heritage and arts potential of our territory
- Supporting the growth of cultural industries
- Facilitating business in the territory
- Continuing to develop the Yukon's mining, oil and gas industries, and actively promoting and preparing for an Alaska Highway pipeline route selection

KEY STRATEGIES

- in consultation with Yukoners, develop sector-specific development strategies and plan for their orderly implementation
- work with industry, First Nations, communities and other stakeholders to build opportunities for local employment and local business development
- work with partners, other jurisdictions and regulatory bodies to develop a clear and effective regulatory process for an Alaska Highway Pipeline proposal
- work in partnership with industry associations such as the Yukon Tourism Marketing Partnership, Chambers of Commerce Yukon Information Technology Industry Society, the Yukon Technology Innovation Centre and other organizations
- continue to actively work with fish and wildlife resource-based industries (Yukon Outfitters Association, Yukon Fish and Game Association, Yukon Trappers Association, commercial fish operators, and fish farmers)
- work in partnership with other governments to develop infrastructure
- recognize the development of Yukon infrastructure as an integral part of the Yukon economy
- review and revise the Yukon personal and business taxation regimes to maintain or enhance their competitiveness
- provide economic research, analysis and policy advice on a wide range of economic and fiscal issues

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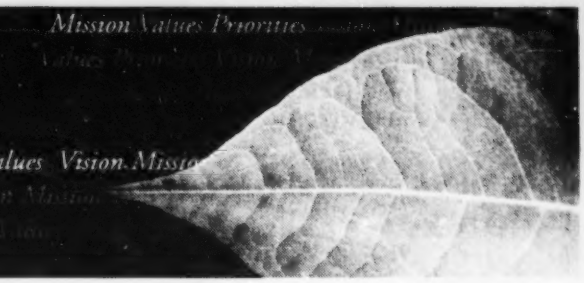


- research and identify investments, projects and services that could bring benefit to the Yukon
- research consumer and business demands for products and services
- encourage and support the development of marketable skills
- match marketing tools to market and product
- highlight the quality of Yukon life and cultural vitality of Yukon society in promotional materials
- continue to develop the economic potential of the Yukon natural environment including campgrounds and recreation sites programs and services
- fund and manage engineering and construction services for land development projects
- conduct an annual sale of oil & gas rights and identify and promote Yukon oil & gas sector development opportunities to industry and local businesses
- in the forestry sector, actively participate with federal government, First Nations, and other partners in forest management planning initiatives
- implement the MINE plan, and work with mineral project proponents to increase Yukon employment and business opportunities
- recognize and expand the agricultural potential of the Yukon Territory
- continue to promote sustainable fish and wildlife harvesting opportunities
- implement recovery programs of fish and wildlife populations where required
- identify balanced representative areas for the Yukon Protected Area Strategy
- lead efforts to achieve long-term stable and predictable energy rates
- utilize advanced information and telecommunication technologies to deliver information

Outcome Measures and Targets

- Increased value of all goods and services produced within the Yukon (GDP - Gross Domestic Product)
- Increased number of employed participants in the labour force

ACHIEVING DEVOLUTION

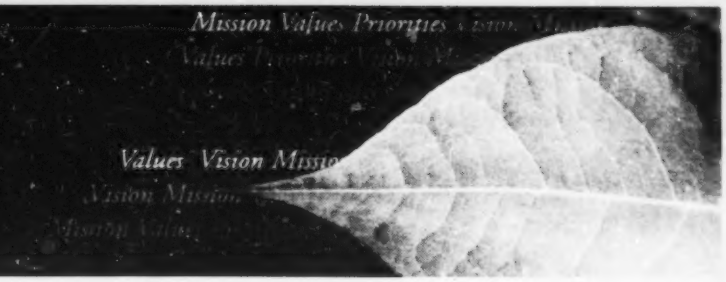
Gaining management and control over our natural resources is essential if we are to continue to grow the Yukon's economy. We will increase northern control over northern development and create certainty by completing devolution and ensuring the smooth transition of employees and responsibilities to the Yukon Government.

KEY STRATEGIES

- successfully conclude devolution with the Government of Canada
- complete Renewal and devolution with a multi-party implementation plan
- ensure the effective retention, transfer and management of critical knowledge and skills of affected employees
- hold staff information sessions, facilitated workshops and training courses with a focus on a smooth and seamless transition
- develop and implement a plan to identify, track and assume responsibility for all assets and equipment being transferred from DIAND through devolution
- develop an implementation plan for the transition of the Fire Suppression Program to Community Services
- develop a forest policy framework to guide management of forestry post-devolution
- develop implementation plans for the transition of Water Resources from DIAND to Environment
- prepare a framework for management of minerals post devolution based on Government of Yukon priorities
- integrate public delivery of land administration processes
- successfully conclude Development Assessment Process legislation, and complete a multi-party implementation plan
- co-ordinate the implementation of mirror legislation for the effective transfer of federal legislation to the Yukon

OUTCOME MEASURES AND TARGETS

- Royal Assent of the Yukon Act
- Increased client satisfaction with transferred services



DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure development is a basic necessity for every community in the Yukon. As a result the government is actively addressing the following goals:

- Assessing the needs of Yukon communities in developing water and sewer infrastructure
- Providing opportunities for our seniors to have access to adequate and affordable housing
- Maintaining, improving and rebuilding the Yukon's network of roads and highways
- Recognizing that communications infrastructure development is integral to our future, both inside and outside of the territory

KEY STRATEGIES

- work in partnership with other governments to develop community infrastructure
- review and prioritize Government participation in the sewer and water infrastructure needs for all Yukon communities
- fund and manage engineering and construction services for land development projects
- identify future infrastructure needs by completing the Access Corridor Study
- lobby the federal government for the creation of a joint commission to study the feasibility of a Canada-Alaska rail link
- lobby to secure the remainder of funding required for the Shakwak project
- utilize funding available under the federal Strategic Highway Infrastructure Program for high priority system improvements
- reconstruct the Alaska Highway between Mendenhall and Haines Junction
- continue systematic rehabilitation of contaminated areas; develop and manage gravel pits in accordance with the Granular Resource Management Plan; improve road salt management practices
- upgrade airports to ensure reliability and safety of runways, taxiways, aprons and other facilities
- recognize that schools, health centres and recreational facilities are an integral part of Yukon infrastructure

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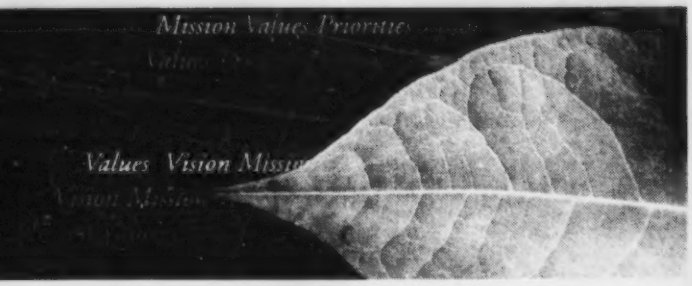

- assist program delivery and performance through information management and technology
- advocate to the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) and others for a positive regulatory environment
- develop a plan for replacement of the Multi-Departmental Mobile Radio System
- undertake long-term electrical and energy-related infrastructure planning, design and development
- provide expertise necessary to determine and evaluate facility development options, identify energy saving alternatives, design facilities and supervise construction of facilities

Outcome Measures and Targets

- Increased number of kilometres of Yukon highways reconstructed
- Completion of the Mayo-Dawson transmission line
- Completion of Yukon Utilities Board hearings into the gas distribution franchise in Whitehorse
- Completion of the Dawson Airport upgrade
- Completion of Phase 1 of the Carcross sewage project

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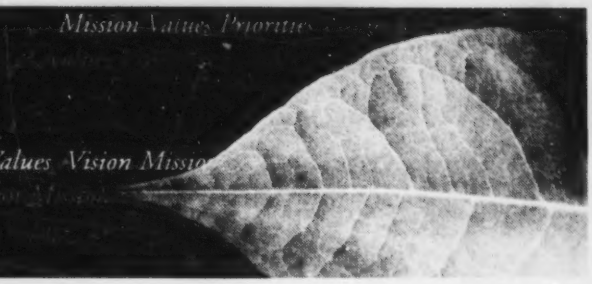

MAINTAINING QUALITY HEALTH CARE

While we strive to protect and maintain the excellent health care services that Yukoners enjoy, we will also be focusing on the prevention of health problems as a first step in healing our communities. We will accomplish this by:

- Ensuring children, seniors and adults get the care they need through accessible, high quality health services
- Being innovative and accountable in the way we meet the challenges of new technologies and of rising health care costs
- Fostering an environment where people demonstrate greater self-reliance and responsible management of their own health and wellness within a caring, supportive society
- Helping individuals acquire the skills to live responsible, healthy and independent lives
- Providing a range of accessible services that assist individuals, families and communities to reach their full potential
- Focusing our resources where they can make the greatest impact

Key Strategies

- maintain Yukoners access to affordable and effective health care
- improve the health, wellness and quality of life of Yukoners through promotion, prevention and protection activities
- assist individuals in acquiring the skills to live responsible, healthy and independent lives
- assist Yukoners with special needs to live as independently as possible, in a secure and dignified way
- promote the benefits of a physically active lifestyle
- promote the emotional, physical, intellectual & spiritual growth of children receiving services from the Department
- assist seniors to meet their housing needs
- provide for the operation of the corrections system, and the safe and effective custody, control, probation, supervision and reintegration of offenders

Outcome Measures and Targets

- Increase in Yukoners reporting improved health status in the annual Health Status Report
- Increase in Yukoners who utilized Health Services programs who were satisfied with accessibility and effectiveness

ADDRESSING ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTIONS

Alcohol and drug addictions pose one of the biggest threats to our community. We will be meeting the challenge of addictions head on, through a number of fronts, which include:

- Taking a more aggressive and proactive approach in the Yukon's FAS/FAE strategy
- Focusing on prevention through education and awareness
- Working with our partners to implement the government's Strategy on Alcohol and Drug Addictions

KEY STRATEGIES

- raise public awareness of responsible alcohol consumption
- identify partners and resources to enable efficient and effective delivery of addiction services
- improve linkages with public, private, volunteer and non-profit agencies for the delivery of addiction programs
- review the recommendations of the FAS Working Group report and establish resource implications
- provide opportunities for Alcohol and Drug Secretariat to deliver alcohol and substance abuse prevention programming in public schools
- partner with the Whitehorse General Hospital, community health stations, and the RCMP in the delivery of services to pregnant women and to clients with addictions and other health problems
- establish and maintain partnerships to facilitate the effective delivery of sport, recreation, and active living programming
- finalize an implementation strategy for the alcohol and drug addiction treatment model

OUTCOME MEASURES AND TARGETS

- Completion of the alcohol and drug addiction treatment model implementation strategy

Accountability Statement

RESTORING CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT

Yukoners must believe that they have a voice in the governing of the territory. Yukoners want a government that provides good service to them. Yukoners want a government that works hard on their behalf. Yukoners want a government that is accountable. Yukoners will have their confidence in government restored through:

- The Renewal of government which will focus on how to provide better service to Yukoners
- A number of initiatives focused on improving programs and services
- The regular review of legislation that impacts on Yukoner's lives
- The implementation of an accountability framework for all government departments and programs
- Clear financial reporting that accounts to Yukoners for the expenditure of their tax dollars
- Building and supporting a competent and professional public service

KEY STRATEGIES

- respect the integrity of the collective bargaining process
- complete Renewal
- pass the Accountability Act and complete implementation of the Accountability Framework
- implement performance reporting, accountability and management systems
- apply a "community lens" to initiatives undertaken by Yukon government departments
- ensure there is "no wrong door" when communities access programs and services
- provide a one-window approach to services commonly accessed by the public
- actively pursue opportunities for local service delivery partnerships with communities and other governments
- work with non-governmental organizations and service providers in a manner that is respectful, collaborative and cognizant of the important role they play in the provision of services to Yukoners

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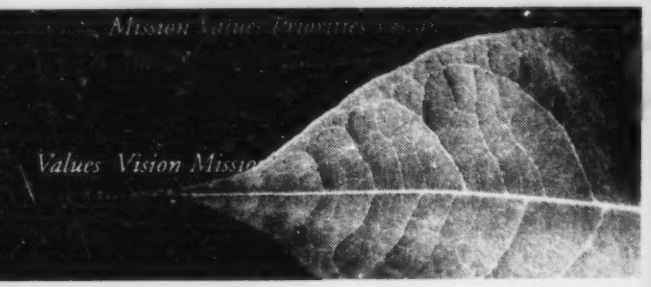

- talk with Yukoners about the affordability of health care and restate priorities identified in previous health summits
- establish an Education Advisory Council on Yukon-wide education issues
- work with First Nations government to government on education issues
- develop regulations in consultation with appropriate stakeholders to support the implementation of Education Act amendments
- provide a meaningful report card on education to Yukoners
- identify representative areas for the Yukon Protected Areas Strategy
- complete Development Assessment Process legislation
- continue to oppose development of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
- maintain highways and airports in accordance with applicable safety standards and recommended practices
- assist government program delivery and performance through information management and technology
- improve the marketing of the Yukon through development of a new structure
- internal audits will make recommendations to improve management and financial performance
- complete the management evaluation and internal audit of Property Management Agency and implement recommendations that increase efficiencies and improve working relationships with client departments and contractors

Outcome Measures and Targets

- Restored confidence in government